

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER ADJUDICATION HEARINGS

Dear Hillsiders and Other Interested AV Landowners:

It is urgent that we all pitch in and urge the SETTLEMENT of the Water Adjudication Lawsuit now. Enough taxpayer and ratepayer monies have been spent on this case over the past 10 years! An important and informative TOWN HALL MEETING will take place next Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the North Auditorium at Lancaster Baptist Church, located at 4020 East Lancaster Blvd. Get armed with information that you may keep your land free of bureaucrats.

Please take a moment to read and consider the following. Your action is needed now. It's time to make our voices heard that we don't want anyone else deciding our water use except us.

Make telephone calls to elected members of the Palmdale and Lancaster City Councils and to the various Water District Offices around the Valley **URGING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTLING THIS ACTION PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULING THE DATE OF PHASE III OF THE TRIAL SOMETIME THIS MONTH.** If a Phase III trial date is set, the local Water Districts must do everything possible to ensure that the trial is held in Lancaster and not San Jose or Los Angeles. The affected property owners live in the Antelope Valley; due process requires that affected parties to a legal action be provided personal access to that process. To date, the Governmental Entities have succeeded in keeping the trial inaccessible to the Antelope Valley citizens who own the land and water that it is the subject of the lawsuit.

The calls should point out that untold taxpayer dollars are being paid to attorneys to keep this matter active when there is nothing to be gained by a third trial session *except* the expenditure of more tax dollars in pursuit of a decision that will in all probability impose the whims of a Watermaster over our respective water/property rights. The callers should be firm and informed, but do not be rude or shout, etc., just urge out of court settlement at every opportunity.

Neither the Valley taxpayers nor their Community governments have any extra funds to continue a Court action when it should be brought to a quick and equitable conclusion by way of an out of court settlement now. If telephone calls are inconvenient to you, please write a letter to the Editor of the AV Press that recites the above sentiments. editor@avpress.com

The names and numbers to call are:

LA County Waterworks Dist 40, 626/ 458-4002; Paul Novak, Planning Dep. for M. Antonovich; 213/ 947-5555

City of Palmdale, Steve Williams, City Mgr. 267-5100; City of Lancaster, Mark Bozigian, City Mgr. 723-6000

Palmdale Water Dist., Randy Hill, Gen. Mgr., 947-4111; Quartz Hill Water Dist., Chad Reed, Gen.Mgr., 943-3170

Rosamond Comm. Serv. Dist., Jack Stewart Gen.Mgr. 256-3411;

Littlerock Creek Irrig. Dist., Brad Bones, Gen. Mgr. 944-2015; Palm Ranch Irrig.Dist., Phil Shott, Gen.Mgr. 943-2469

Call me if you have any questions or you know of someone who needs a Juniper Hills Water Group Association Agreement. Billie Dickey (944-0229); bdickey@rglobal.net